

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 638
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend J. Stanley Rogers for laudable service to the Democratic Party of Tennessee and to congratulate him upon being named "Mr. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as an attorney, J. Stanley Rogers has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Rogers entered private law practice in Manchester, Tennessee, after receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University. Throughout the past three decades, J. Stanley Rogers has served his community in a myriad of ways, from serving as a State Representative to holding memberships on state and local boards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers served in the Tennessee House of Representatives 87th, 88th, and 89th General Assemblies, further serving his state as the Majority Leader in the 88th and 89th Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, as a valued member of the legal profession, J. Stanley Rogers actively serves as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Coffee County Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers has generously dedicated his time throughout the years to innumerable professional and civic organizations, including the Tennessee Appellate Court

Judicial Selection Commission, which he served as Chairman in 1990; the United States Circuit Judge Nominating Commission, Sixth Circuit; the State University and Community College Tennessee Board of Regents, which he currently serves as Vice Chairman; and the State of Tennessee Appellate Court Judicial Evaluation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, J. Stanley Rogers is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Rogers is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Patricia C. Rogers, and their three children, Dr. Amy Lee Nickels, J. Stanley Rogers, Jr., and Rachel Elizabeth Sain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend J. Stanley Rogers for his honorable and astute service to the Democratic Party of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named "Mr. Democrat," and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.